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In re the Application of: **OHMI, et al.**

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Art Unit: **3754**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 30, 2000, finally rejecting claims in the above-identified patent application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A fluid control apparatus comprising a plurality of [fluid controllers, and a plurality of on-off devices] lines, each line having a fluid controller, an inlet on-off device and an outlet on-off device arranged respectively at an inlet side and an outlet side of each of the fluid [controllers] controller, each of the on-off devices comprising one valve or a plurality of valves, with the adjacent valves connected to each other without using tubing,

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